

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the last paragraph of page 8 (which continues over to page 9) as follows:

~~The present invention provides a method and an apparatus that grant A~~
method of granting access to a bus to one of a plurality of requesting communication circuits that each submitted a bus control request during a request period of an arbitration period is disclosed. The method includes ~~the step of~~ determining a first and a second stored identity associated with the arbitration period. The first stored identity identifies a first communication circuit, while the second stored identity identifies a second communication circuit. In addition, the method includes ~~the step of~~ determining whether any requesting communication circuit has an identity that matches the first or the second stored identity.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

~~The present invention also includes a~~ A communication circuit is disclosed in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The communication circuit ~~that~~ includes a transmit circuit ~~that transmits~~ to transmit information onto a cell bus, and a receive circuit ~~that receives~~ to receive information from the cell bus. The communication circuit also includes a memory ~~that stores~~ to store grant information regarding a plurality of arbitration periods. The grant information for each arbitration period includes a first stored identity that identifies a first communication circuit, and a second stored identity that identifies a second communication circuit.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

The communication circuit further includes a logic circuit connected to the transmit circuit, the receive circuit, and the memory. The logic circuit ~~determines~~ to determine whether any communication circuits requested control of a bus during an arbitration period. In addition, the logic circuit ~~determines~~ to determine a first and a second stored identity associated with the arbitration period, and ~~determines~~ whether any requesting communication circuit has an identity that matches the first or the second stored identity.